

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace page 8, line 26-page 9, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:**

Said advanced variants lead to calculations of a so-called cross term  $C_t$  and energy term  $E_t$  for t-th code vector  $c_t$ . The value of a ratio  $C_t/E_t$  which is used as a performance measure for the t-th code vector is the higher or the lower of a corresponding error energy  $P_{e_t}$  characterizing the code vector  $c_t$  is. The ratio  $C/E$  is used to compare code vectors within said codebook search.